

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 281

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Melinda Cothran upon being named 2007-2008 Building Level Teacher of the Year at Lewis County Intermediate School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Cothran is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cothran has been selected 2007-2008 Building Level Teacher of the Year at Lewis County Intermediate School (LCIS); this honor is most befitting her outstanding tenure as teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, conferred by her peers, honors and recognizes Mrs. Cothran for her many valuable contributions to her students, her school, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, an Honors graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, Melinda Cothran has served with the utmost acumen and alacrity during her years teaching fifth grade at LCIS; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Cothran is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cothran truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cothran epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Melinda Cothran upon being named 2007-2008 Building Level Teacher of the Year at Lewis County Intermediate School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.